

**MOUNTRAIL COUNTY**

Planning Unit 079: AML Printout #516: T158N, R93W, Section 30, N1/2

Additional Legal Location: Section 30, NW, SW

Name:	Owner:
Gamble Coal Mine (1909)	Blickre & Slatten (1909)
Blickre Coal Mine (1910-1915)	North Dakota (1910-1915)

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Strip (surface), pick mining

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
8 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	SEBR:1910
15 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	SEBR:1912
10-15 ft.	4-5 ft.	4-5 ft.	SEBR:1914

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1909, and it may have been in operation prior to that time. The mine was situated "on a bed of coal that outcrops at the foot of the rather sloping hills that mark the eastern edge of the creek bottoms." No information was noted that definitely links the Gamble Coal Mine with the Blickre Coal Mine; however, legal locations listed for the two mines are identical, Blickre was associated with both mines, and the 1912 SEBR indicates (in reference to the Blickre Coal Mine) that "This mine has been operated on Government land by A. Blickre" (see Notes, below). The 1912 SEBR also indicates that persons purchasing coal from this mine "load the coal themselves, paying fifty cents a ton for the coal." The 1914 SEBR indicates that "This mine has been operated for several years, but was closed down during the summer of 1912, except that some coal is taken out by nearby farmers and ranchers." Additionally, the mine was found abandoned on 12 December 1913, and the 1916 SEBR indicates that the Blickre Coal Mine was "operating in 1912-1913 and closed in 1914-1915." No further listings were noted for this mine.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

SEBR:1910(90)  
SEBR:1912(114-115)

SEBR:1914(133)

Gamble/Blickre Coal Mine (continued)

Notes:

Some discrepancy appears to exist in owners listed for this mine. The 1910 SEBR indicates that Blickre and Slatten owned the Gamble Coal Mine; however, all remaining listings indicate that the Blickre Coal Mine (which was situated at a legal location identical to that listed for the Gamble Coal Mine) was on land "owned by the government." It seems most likely that this mine was situated on government-owned land.

The New Coal Mine, Garber Coal Mine, Anderson Coal Mine, and Leef Coal Mine also are located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Mine: Gamble Coal Mine (1909)  
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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1909	no data	3	1.50	100	yes	no	Blikre & Slatten
1910	150	3	1.50	500	yes	no	North Dakota
1911	150	3	1.50	500	yes	no	North Dakota
1912	90	2	1.20	200	yes	no	no data
1913	"On December 12, 1913, the mine was found abandoned."						
1914							
1915	Blickre Coal Mine "operating in 1912-1913 and closed in 1914-1915."						

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\*Unless otherwise indicated, name listed is that of owner.

\*\*Individual was superintendent of the mine; owner not listed.

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